

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 7, 2007
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, December 7, 2007, at the Library of Michigan, by Elaine Logan, Chair.

Attendance

Members Present: Bill Anderson, B. Denise Bartlett, Barbara Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Clifford Taylor), Linda Farynk, Elaine Logan, Charles Myers, Nancy Robertson, Michael Smith, Francis "Bus" Spaniola

Members Absent: Senator Irma Clark-Coleman, Nancy Skowronski, Representative Aldo Vagnozzi

Staff Present: Elaine Harrison, Sheryl Mase, Judith Moore, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary)

Visitors: Jill Costello (representing Senator Tom George), Gretchen Couraud, Randy Dykhuis, Jim Seidl, Judi Stillion

Agenda

Today's agenda was modified to accommodate Bill Anderson's schedule, as he needs to leave early for a meeting. Items needing a vote will follow the State Library Report.

THE MOTION WAS MOVED BY BUS SPANIOLA AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL SMITH. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Minutes of
September 28, 2007
Meeting**

CHARLES MYERS MOVED APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2007 BOARD MINUTES. DENISE BARTLETT SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Reports

Board Chair's

Elaine Logan stated she has visited a number of academic libraries and attended MLA, including the State Librarian's luncheon.

Elaine, who is on the Library of Michigan (LM) Foundation Board stated that the Foundation is doing a good job and has received some unexpected funds. She congratulated Judith on the work she is doing.

**Board Members'
Reports**

Linda Farynk mentioned that Ken Follett will be the graduation speaker at Saginaw Valley's winter commencement.

Mike Smith reported that the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State is celebrating the 100th birthday of Walter Reuther by launching the "*No Greater Calling, The Life of Walter P. Reuther*" website. This website

includes speeches, photos, a biography, and a teachers guide. The Virtual Motor City website, created thanks to a digitization grant from LM, made it easier to create the Walter Reuther website.

**Legislator
Reports**

Jill Costello commented that the legislators are glad the budget has been resolved and that the book distribution budget continues to be a part of HAL. No further legislator reports were presented.

**State Librarian's
Report**

Nancy reported on the budget for FY08 and stated that the operations line is as anticipated and was pleased that the state aid budget was better than what it could have been. Nancy asked Jill to thank Senator George on behalf of the library community for his work on the budget.

LM is ready to make an offer for the MeL Coordinator position.

LM is now able to post the Advanced Reference Librarian position for the Law Library.

Nancy was able to attend the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) meeting this fall in Omaha thanks to the LM Foundation. The meeting included continuing education sessions focusing on social networking opportunities, digitization of all printed content, and making resources accessible through major search engines.

There will be a follow-up to the connectivity study for libraries nationwide.

COSLA released a study titled "Local and State Sources of Funding for Public Libraries: The National Picture".

The national library construction survey, sponsored by COSLA, determined that over 10 billion dollars is needed nationwide to meet the building and construction needs of libraries. The State Librarians Association is working with the Washington ALA Office to draft funding legislation.

Elaine Harrison will be representing Nancy at the January COSLA conference in Philadelphia.

LM staff have met with MAME and Department of Education staff regarding the federal SKILLS act, which promotes the presence of a state-certified librarian in schools nationwide. There has been no movement lately regarding this legislation.

The School Library Media Center Issues Group has reconvened and is working on the marketing piece, which is nearing the production stage.

At the next scheduled meeting, the group will be making plans for presenting and promoting the value of the new guidelines and marketing piece to representatives of various educational associations.

AASL national guidelines for school librarians will be out in a few months and the Michigan guidelines will be revised after the national guidelines are released.

Nancy enjoyed MLA and presenting the State Librarian's Excellence Award. The Excellence Award was presented to Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City; Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie and Peter White Public Library in Marquette each received a Citation of Excellence. Nancy expressed her appreciation for the support of the Foundation and the sponsors.

Representative Vagnozzi received the Legislator of the Year award at MLA. Nancy accepted on his behalf.

The State Librarian's Advisory Committee on State Support of Public Libraries met in October. Nancy will be issuing a proposal and asking for public comment at the end of December/beginning of January.

Nancy attended the most recent Michigan Academic Library Council (MALC) meeting.

HAL has taken advantage of an opportunity to work with the McCann Erickson marketing firm to look at how HAL and LM can align with the Pure Michigan campaign. The work is still in progress. Review and discussion of the Pure Michigan campaign promotional piece will be tabled until the next meeting.

LM Foundation Report

Judith Moore from the Library of Michigan Foundation reported that the final report on the Michigan Reads project has been given to Target. The Foundation is again hoping to engage Target as a sponsor in 2008.

100% of the Detroit regional public libraries are participating in the Museum Adventure Pass program. The Foundation will be issuing monthly reports.

The Foundation is completing their holiday fundraising. The Foundation asked for the Board members support.

The Foundation is in the process of renewing the Michigan Notable Books sponsorships.

The new LM/Foundation brochure was distributed.

Board Discussion

Items

**Election of
Officers/Bylaws**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLES MYERS TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO THE *BYLAWS* RELATING TO THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS (ARTICLE V, SEC. 1 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 REGULAR MEETINGS AND TOPICS). BUS SPANIOLA SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lori will provide the Board members with a clean copy of the Bylaws.

**Nomination and
Election of
Officers**

The Nominating Committee recommended Elaine Logan for Chair and Linda Farynk for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were presented. CHARLES MYERS MOVED ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. MICHAEL SMITH SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bill Anderson reported that the new Director of Appointments has been meeting with the department heads and asking them to prioritize which Boards need appointments. Bill said that LM is at the top of HAL's list. Linda Farynk and Nancy Skowronski's terms are expiring.

**Jenny Sipe
Resolution**

Elaine Logan presented a board tribute of gratitude to Jenny Sipe for her years of service to the Library of Michigan and to the board. BILL ANDERSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION. MICHAEL SMITH SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Nancy Robertson will have the resolution framed and sent to Jenny.

**2008 Meeting
Dates**

The 2008 LM Board of Trustees meeting dates were discussed and chosen as follows: February 22; April 25, September 26, and December 12. The meetings will be at 10:00 a.m. Lori will email the board and confirm the dates once the room reservations are accepted.

**Partnership
Reports
Cooperatives**

Jim Seidl, director of the Woodlands Library Cooperative, presented the Cooperatives report.

MLA

Gretchen Couraud, executive director of the Michigan Library Association, distributed her report.

MLC

Randy Dykhuis referred to the MLC report that was included in the Board packet.

MAME

The Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) report was provided by Roger Ashley for inclusion in the Board packet.

Old Business

No old business was brought before the Board.

New Business

Judi Stillion gave a presentation on the digitization of the C. Patrick Labadie collection, a project funded by a grant from the Library of Michigan.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is Friday, February 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Elaine Logan, Chair

Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian